



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Children and Family Services

At its meeting held March 23, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"In my October 8, 2003 motion, the Board instructed the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to expand its working collaboration with independent law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County, similar to what is being established with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. In addition, DCFS was directed to seek the dedication of resources to establish a Multi-agency Response Team. The Multi-agency Response Team has now been created and the Department is awaiting final agreement to begin co-location. Initial information suggests that the Multi-agency Response Team has successfully rescued 207 children from dangerous situations since the time of its inception, January 5, 2004 to March 17, 2004.

"As a result of this collaborative effort, the need has been demonstrated for further co-location of DCFS staff with law enforcement. Demographics suggest the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, Los Angeles Police Department, Long Beach Police Department, and various other local law enforcement agencies should be specifically considered for further co-location.

"Co-location of staff will assist DCFS and law enforcement in the protection of abused and neglected children through a closer coordination of efforts and resources that will strengthen the community safety net for our families and children. Specifically, identified families will be able to be provided with immediate linkage to services; expedited responses will be provided on referrals, thereby reducing response time and trauma for children; and lastly, information will be shared, improving the quality of investigations."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Director of Children and Family Services was instructed to:

1. Explore the feasibility of co-location of staff with the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, Los Angeles Police Department, Long Beach Police Department and various local law enforcement agencies, as has been developed with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, for the protection of abused and neglected children through a closer coordination of efforts and resources that will strengthen the community safety net for families and children; and
2. Report back to the Board within 90 days as to the progress made.

Later in the meeting, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, by common consent, and there being no objection, the Board reconsidered the foregoing motion to allow Warren Williams to address the Board.

Warren Williams addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, Supervisor Knabe's aforementioned motion was approved.

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